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Mentors become role models

Program grows at Joaquin Elementary

By EMILY KUNKEL

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Alan Farnsworth lived with his grandma and never learned to play basketball.

At recess, he stood at the side of the basketball court and watched the other children play.

He never dared play himself until his mentor came along.

Once his mentor arrived, Alan made sure to get all his homework done so he and his mentor could play basketball together.

With time, Alan became the best basketball player in his third-grade class at Joaquin Elementary School.

And Alan's not the only child who has benefited from a mentor.

For the past six years, third-grade students from Joaquin Elementary School have enjoyed the companionship of BYU mentors.

Mrs. Heileson, a third-grade teacher for 18 years, created the mentoring program because her class sizes were averaging about 36 to 38 students from all over the world.

Heileson said she had a hard time keeping up with various languages from South America, Vietnam, Korea and Mexico.

This year, only five of the students speak English as their first language, Heileson said.

"Teachers can only spread themselves so thin," Heileson said. "I needed help managing my class."

Heileson said she sought out surrounding religious leaders of BYU student wards and asked them for advice.

The religious leaders thought the mentoring program provided an excellent service opportunity.

It gives mentors not only a chance to brush up on their Spanish speaking skills but also to be role models and best friends to children who may not get that kind of attention at home, Heileson said.

"It's been wonderful," Heileson said. "I've had some mentors here for over four years."

Marci Tuttle, 21, a BYU student from Holden, majoring in dance education, said she learned about the mentoring program through her BYU student ward.

"It's like being a big sister," Tuttle said about her mentoring experience.

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Photo by Emily Kunkel

Twin sisters Jezebel and Jenish Collazo, third graders in Mrs. Heileson's class at Joaquin Elementary School, received mentors through the school's program.

Reuters

...li rescue workers search the entrance of a shopping ... after a suicide bomber blew herself up Monday.

...Fifth bombing in 48 hours ...mperils peace

Attack on shopping mall kills three Israelis

Associated Press

...AFULA, Israel — A Palestinian woman blew herself ... during a security check outside a mall on Monday, ...ing three Israelis in the fifth suicide bombing in 48 ...urs — a violent challenge to a U.S.-backed Mideast ...ce initiative and the new Palestinian prime minister. The bombings, as well as suicide attacks in Saudi ...abia and Morocco in the past week, also raised ques...ns about President Bush's ability to stem global ter...ism.

Monday's blast in the northern working-class town of ...da near the West Bank was claimed by a militia ...ked to the mainstream group Fatah, proving particu...ly embarrassing to the Palestinian prime minister, ...hmoud Abbas, who has denounced violence and ...omised to rein in the militants.

"We strongly condemn the killing of innocent civil...s, be they Palestinian or Israeli, which contradicts ...r moral values and tradition and only feeds into the ...red of the two peoples," Abbas said Monday.

But Abbas added that Israel's military operations in ...e West Bank and Gaza "contribute to the surge of vio...ce."

He repeated his demand that Israel accept the "road ...p" peace plan, complaining that the wave of attacks ...s eased pressure on Israeli Prime Minister Ariel ...aron to sign on to the three-year blueprint to stop 31 ...onths of violence and create a Palestinian state.

Israel blamed Yasser Arafat for one of the steepest ...ikes in violence in nearly three years of fighting, say...g he encourages terror, even if he is not directly ...volved in planning attacks. Arafat angrily denied the ...cusations, claiming Palestinian security agents have ...led several attacks.

SUNNY DAYS

Hillary Holmes, (top) from St. John, Wash., studies while lounging on the lawn.

Tyler Swinton, from Great Falls, Va., enjoys playing the guitar. Lindsey Davis, from Moore, Idaho, soaks up the sun.

Photos by Morgan van Wagoner and Camilla Hodge

Provo's set for business

■ Forbes magazine ranks the Provo area sixth as one of the best places for businesses and careers.

By TIM MILLER

In a recent article in Forbes magazine, the Provo area ranked sixth on a list of Best Places for Businesses and Careers.

The analysis factored the rate of job growth, income growth and net migration in various cities.

Other factors included cost of doing business, city crime rates and educational attainment.

"It really isn't a surprise to me that we would receive that kind of a ranking," said Orem Mayor Jerry Washburn. "We have several unique features that distinguish us from other cities, such as the wonderful educated work force that comes from BYU and UVSC."

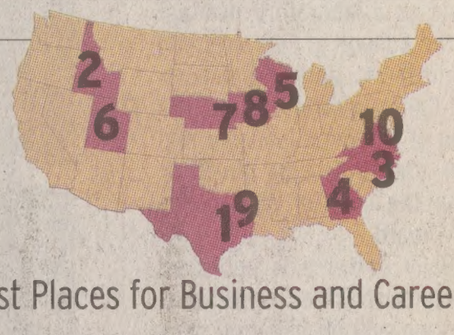
Provo government officials also agreed the area's success could be attributed to factors such as the higher education rate.

"Provo's high rate of education and low crime rate are definite contributors to its success," said Michael Mower, a spokesperson for Provo City.

The Forbes survey also ranked the Provo area sixth in the nation for advanced degrees.

Both Washburn and Mower attribute the expansion of several high-tech industries in the region to the large number of BYU alumni in the area.

"Many of the successful companies in the area are homegrown, such as Novell and WordPerfect," Washburn said. "From Novell alone, there have been about 30 or more thriving businesses that have emerged."



Best Places for Business and Careers

1. Austin, Texas
Population: 1,313,000
Job Growth: 3.1%
Income Growth: 5.8%

2. Boise, Idaho
Population: 452,000
Job Growth: 3.3%
Income Growth: 2.9%

3. Raleigh-Durham, NC
Population: 1,232,000
Job Growth: 2.1%
Income Growth: 2.9%

4. Atlanta, Ga.
Population: 4,263,000
Job Growth: 2.1%
Income Growth: 3.8%

5. Madison, Wis.
Population: 433,000
Job Growth: 2.1%
Income Growth: 3.9%

6. Provo, Utah
Population: 377,000
Job Growth: 2.3%
Income Growth: 3.2%

7. Omaha, Neb.
Population: 723,000
Job Growth: 1.7%
Income Growth: 5.4%

8. Des Moines, Iowa
Population: 463,000
Job Growth: 1.1%
Income Growth: 4.9%

9. Dallas, Texas
Population: 3,646,000
Job Growth: 1.9%
Income Growth: 3.6%

10. Washington, DC-North Va.
Population: 5,054,000
Job Growth: 2.4%
Income Growth: 3.8%

[Weather]

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WEDNESDAY
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Year to date: 7.48"
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BRIEFING

The world is our campus

Reuters

Congolese soldier stands guard as fleeing villagers board a plane at Bunia airport in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Fighting around the eastern town of Bunia between armed militias linked with the rival Hema and Lendu tribes has brought more turmoil to a region already devastated by war.

Allegations of cannibalism in northeastern Congo

BUNIA, Congo (AP) — Reports of cannibalism circulated in troubled northeastern Congo, with terrified witnesses on Monday describing the mutilation and eating of the dead during more than week of bloody tribal fighting.

Church leaders and residents in Bunia, the capital of the Ituri district, said Monday that Lendu tribal fighters killed civilians and combatants, cutting open their chests and ripping out hearts, livers and lungs, which they ate while they were still warm.

More than a week of fighting in Bunia subsided Friday after more than 100 were confirmed killed — though the total toll remains unknown — and thousands fled their homes. The town remained tense.

Frightened residents said they were terrified at the thought of it flaring up again.

"The sight of a corpse with a missing liver and heart is horrific, especially when you know that those parts were eaten by fellow human beings and that the same could happen to you," said Acquitte Kisembo, a 28-year-old medical student.

He said he saw several bodies with missing parts.

The United Nations is taking the allegations seriously and plans to investigate the reports of cannibalism, said Amos Namanga Ngongi, the head of the U.N. mission in Congo.

The reports "cannot be so persistent and false," he told reporters in Bunia.

Iraq Shiites protest help

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Thousands of Shiite Muslims staged the largest protest against America's presence in Iraq since the war's end with a noisy but peaceful rally. The well-organized march Monday was policed by men carrying AK-47s who did not confront nearby U.S. soldiers keeping watch.

Since Saddam Hussein's ouster by coalition troops last month, there has been a spate of smaller gatherings, some of them hundreds strong, demanding that occupying forces withdraw. But Monday's march was the biggest in terms of numbers, and had a distinctly political message.

Carrying portraits of ayatollahs and other religious leaders, the crowd, which swelled at one point to 10,000, chanted "No Shiites and no Sunnis — just Islamic unity" and sang religious songs. "No to the foreign administration," one banner unfurled by the marchers said.

Reuters

Pope John Paul II smiles at a special audience in Saint Peter's Square, Monday, for Poles who had come to Rome for his 83rd birthday the day before. The Pontiff said in an unprepared comment in Polish: "Yesterday I turned 83. I am even more aware of the fact that the day when I have to account for my life before God is always closer."

SARS spread on airplanes

GENEVA (AP) — Health chiefs from around the globe were screened for SARS by rubber-gloved nurses in lab coats on Monday as they arrived for the first annual meeting of the World Health Organization since the emergence of the new disease.

WHO Director-General Dr. Gro Harlem Brundtland appealed to governments worldwide to work closer together in the fight against SARS, which has made more than 7,700 people ill in 31 locations.

"We can no longer rely on national efforts alone to implement the scaled up system of global alert and response that the world now needs," Brundtland told the opening session of the World Health Assembly.

As the 10-day meeting got under way, WHO medical experts announced they have determined a total of 16 people became infected with SARS on airplanes, all early in the outbreak before airlines adopted tough screening measures.

"There were 35 flights on which SARS-infected people who were symptomatic with disease traveled," said Dr. David Heymann, WHO's chief of communicable diseases.

Pope celebrates birthday

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John Paul II, who just turned 83 and suffers a variety of ailments including Parkinson's, told thousands of his Polish countrymen in St. Peter's Square on Monday that his judgment day "is drawing near."

The Polish pilgrims traveled to Rome for the canonization of two Poles on John Paul's birthday the day before. They filled the vast square, holding up red-and-white Polish flags and sang Polish religious hymns.

"Yesterday afternoon I finished my 83rd year of life and started my 84th," John Paul told the crowd in a traditional address given a day after canonizations. "I am increasingly aware that the day is drawing near when I will have to present myself to God and make an accounting of my whole life."

John Paul mentioned his youth in Wadowice, Poland, his service as a bishop in Krakow and his 25-year papacy in Rome.

Reuters

A Chinese family wear protective masks on their way to board a flight at Hong Qiao airport in Shanghai, Monday. The World Health Organization hosted the first annual meeting since the emergence of the new disease.

DUI-related deaths down

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The percentage of Utah's highway deaths in which alcohol is believed to have been a factor has reached a 20-year low.

"Utah has done some good things. The impaired driver is not out there in as great a force as in years past," said Sgt. Daniel Fuhr, who leads the Utah Highway Patrol's Driving Under the Influence Squad.

According to preliminary data from the Utah Highway Safety Office, 16 percent of 2002's fatal traffic accidents involved alcohol. Nationally, the figure is 42 percent.

The previous year, 23 percent of the Utah fatalities were alcohol-related.

Fuhr credits law enforcement and educational programs for Utah's steady decrease in alcohol-related accidents, but says there still are too many drunk drivers.

"The day we don't arrest any drunks is a good day, but we are not there now," he said. "We are far from there."

Utah also has traditionally had a low number of alcohol-involved traffic deaths because of the state's high Mormon population and the strong opposition to alcohol by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Historic Kirtland restored, dedicated

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Church President Gordon B. Hinckley has dedicated Historic Kirtland, a restoration of a number of buildings at the Ohio site where The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was headquartered from 1831 to 1838.

A wood-frame schoolhouse, a pioneer home, a stocked store, an operating ashery (for making potash), an inn and a water-powered sawmill have all been meticulously restored as part of Historic Kirtland.

"As I sat in this beautiful chapel, in this place sanctified by sacrifice by those who stopped here for a season, I thought of the miracle that came to pass," President Hinckley said at the dedication on Sunday, the day before the site's official opening for free public tours.

"Those who walked these roads could not have dreamed of the marvelous expansion of this great work," he said.

The ceremony was attended by about 1,500 people, the church said.

Elder Neal A. Maxwell of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles said, "This is a time of spiritual celebration. A stunning theology was introduced. Things so transcending they are almost incomprehensible."

Ohio Lt. Governor Jeanette Bradley, who attended the dedication, said Historic Kirtland "will attract a lot of people. It won't be limited to members of the church. Although it has great religious value to members of the church, it has great historic value to Ohio."

Teachers' wages suffer

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Teachers representatives don't have big hopes for contract negotiations.

With rare exceptions, teachers will be lucky to see any net increase in wages and benefits.

One exception, is the Carbon District, where teachers will receive a 5 percent pay increase, said Carbon Education Association president Janis Blake. That is because patrons voted last year to raise property taxes.

Most other school districts and teachers unions, however, are grappling with state budget cuts and a meager increase in the state's per-student funding formula, which might not even cover rising costs of health insurance.

"You can't cut away that funding ... and expect people in a second year of losses to feel good," Utah Education Association executive director Susan Kuziak said. "It's a very difficult time ... but they're working hard with their districts, and it's not the districts' fault."

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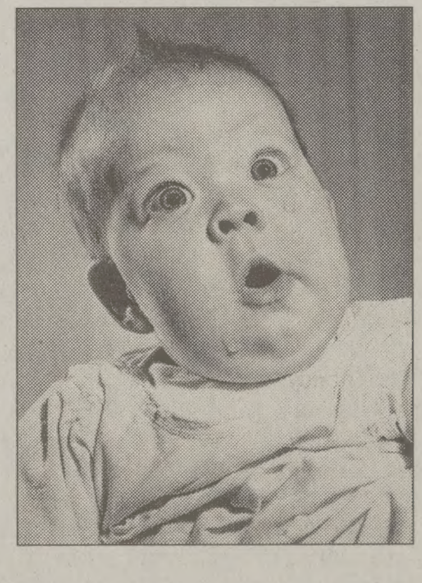

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Musicians work to preserve the arts despite unstable economy

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Cut: Misha Rosenker and pianist Jonathan Korth will give perform sonatas by Dvorak, Beethoven and Faure.

Musicians from the Peabody Music Conservatory will give a free concert today at BYU

By SARAH CHAMBERLIN

The New York Times reported last week that nearly a dozen orchestras across the country have closed. Many other music groups face the same danger because of the recent war and an unstable economy. Dean Corey of the Orange County Philharmonic Society said this is the worst year ever for the arts.

While the arts struggle to survive, two gifted musicians from Peabody Music Conservatory are on a mission to preserve culture in people's lives. Their next stop: BYU.

"When people ask me how did I ever go into music, I always tell them I was forced," said violinist Misha Rosenker. "Then on the other hand, I can't imagine doing anything else. Really, music is the cement of my life. I have other interests, but music is the thing that holds everything together."

Rosenker will give a free concert today at BYU, accompanied by pianist Jonathan Korth. The two will perform three sonatas by Dvorak, Beethoven and Faure.

"Everybody should come. It's going to be a great performance," said Paul Abegg, visiting assistant professor of violin at BYU.

Abegg said he met Rosenker at Brevard Music Center where they were stand partners, and he subsequently arranged this performance at BYU.

Rosenker maintains humility despite his extraordinary abilities. When asked what an audience can expect from him, he jokingly said, "disappointment!"

Rosenker's violin training began at a young age. His first teacher was his father, who served as associate concertmaster of the New York Philharmonic.

"I really wouldn't be a violinist if it weren't for him," Rosenker said. "He's the one who started me. I have had great teachers after him in college, but really, I owe everything to him. He's the one who built the house. All the rest painted it."

The paint on Rosenker's house includes a wealth of professional experience and performances throughout the United States. He has been the assistant professor of violin at Drake University for five years; this past school year he took a visiting faculty position at Peabody.

"It was a great thrill because it's one of the oldest music conservatories in the country. A joy working with all the students," Rosenker said.

Jonathan Korth, a graduate student at Peabody Conservatory, has performed at such places as Carnegie Hall. He accompanied Rosenker in three spring concerts this year, and said he is excited to perform with him again.

"I hope you'll see two people on stage who really enjoy what they're doing." Korth said. "I know I've had a blast the previous times I've had the opportunity to play with Misha."

One piece on the program has a uniquely American element that even quotes folk songs such as "Clementine." Dvorak wrote Sonatina Op. 100 while visiting Iowa, a place where both Rosenker and Korth have lived.

"The interesting little twist is that it's a piece written in Iowa performed by two people with Iowa connections," Rosenker said.

Today's concert begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Madsen Recital Hall. Admission is free.

re you healthy? Find out at Y-Be-Fit

By CARLY HART

years, BYU's in-house well- program has been helping nts and faculty assess their in a variety of ways.

ny students pass by the Y- office each day as they head ir classes in the Richards ng; yet most fail to recognize rvices offered within.

U's wellness program, Y-Be- designed to help people better overall healthy choic- life, said Rishann Nielson, gram's co-director.

cording to the program's e, one underlying purpose e-Fit is "influencing univer- ersonnel and their family ers to move from simply mplating health issues to ed preparation, action, and continued maintenance of ve health behaviors."

addition to checking one's pressure or receiving a itional analysis, students and can also learn more about body composition through a y of administered tests.

uscular strength and rance, as well as flexibility ack health may be evaluated. rly osteoporosis detection ning is also available, in addi- to cholesterol and glucose sments.

ople may also have their car- espiratory fitness tested as un on a treadmill.

ter each area is tested, the ts are compiled into a 55- page book for each individual.

Why would you go through all trouble of having such an sment done?" asked Derek Simmons, 22, from Ventura, Calif., majoring in economics.

Many students question the need to have a full evaluation made of their health

Nielson said, whether you are looking to lose weight or simply gain a better understanding of how to improve your overall health, Y-Be-Fit allows you to receive guidance on an individual basis.

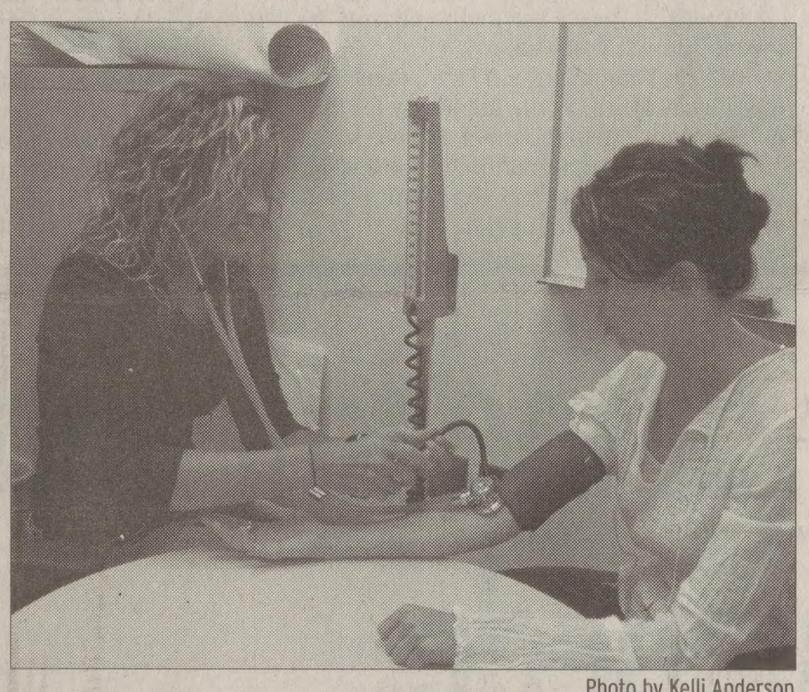

Photo by Kelli Anderson

Lisa Malan takes advantage of the services offered at Y-Be-Fit.

"Exercising is always easier with someone there encouraging you," said Autumn Ellsworth, 21, from Woodinville, Wash., majoring in exercise science.

When working toward a goal, having the right support also makes it easier and more fun, said Michelle Blatter, 20, from Kent, Wash.

Rather than drag someone along the track, the program's goal is to counsel and help monitor those looking to improve their health and fitness.

"As any wellness program, we don't go to the gym with you," Y-Be-Fit staff member, Christine Hawks, 21, from Orem, explained.

Participating in the Y-Be-Fit program includes up to three months of follow-up visits.

"The follow up program is especially helpful to individuals who desire additional counseling and monitoring while working to meet important health and fitness goals," wrote a member of the program's staff.

Many students take advantage of the program, yet most participants are faculty and staff, Nielson said. He said students get the best deal.

Students may receive a full assessment of their health for $70.

Member of the Seventy o speak at Devotional

CHARLENE MONTES

member of the Presidency he Seventy will be the speak- at today's Devotional at a.m. in the de Jong Concert

he title of Elder David E. nsen's address will be "Put y Childish Things."

lder Sorensen was called to member of the Seventy in ust of 1998. This calling has ved him to assist with the inistration of the Church er the direction of the First idency and Quorum of the lve Apostles.

t the time of his call Elder nsen owned and operated own business.

Elder Sorensen was named a member of the Second Quorum of the Seventy in 1992 and to the First Quorum of the Seventy in 1995.

He has previously served as Area President of the North American West Area and the Asia North Area, headquartered in Tokyo, Japan.

Elder Sorensen served in the United States Army and completed a mission for the church to the eastern United States.

He served as president of the Canada Halifax Mission from 1985 to 1988.

He is married to Verla Anderson Sorensen. They have seven children and 28 grandchildren.

The Devotional will be rebroadcast June 1 at 6 a.m. and 11 a.m. on KBYU, and at 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on BYU-Television.

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A local man fills out new screening forms at the Boy Scout Office in Provo. The Boys Scouts of America expanded their volunteer screening program in April.

BSA expands volunteer screening

By KATHLEEN W. CAMPBELL

The Boy Scouts of America has implemented an expanded volunteer screening system to assure that all youth have a safe and secure scouting experience.

All new adult volunteer and leader applicants must now be cleared, beginning April 1, through an Internet-based checking system called VolunteerSelect, according to the BSA.

"The BSA has always been in the forefront of trying to protect kids," said Ron Nyman, director of Field Service for the Utah National Parks Council.

Nyman said he feels the new program was implemented because, "It appears there are more people who have infiltrated scouting that have less than stellar backgrounds that shouldn't be working with kids."

Screening volunteers and leaders is not new to the BSA.

Applicants have been checked for child neglect or abuse, serious driving offenses, the manufacturing or distribution of illegal substance, and other serious offenses, said Leah Overson, executive secretary for the Utah National Parks Council.

With improved technology, VolunteerSelect supplements existing procedures by using each applicant's Social Security number to access state and national criminal databases in all 50 states, according to the BSA.

Nyman is aware of individuals who disagree with the new process because giving a Social Security number increases the risk of identity theft.

"We're also concerned," Nyman said.

But the BSA is more concerned that young people will be safe.

In a poll conducted by the BSA, 98 percent of respondents answered in favor of the new policy, Nyman said.

Dave Tobler, scoutmaster of troop 499 in Orem, supports the new system even though he is not aware of any abuse situations in his area.

"It's important that the people getting involved with those kids are checked out a little bit because they're put in a position of trust," Tobler said.

Pat Martin, assistant scoutmaster of troop 499, is concerned the screening process will cause legal problems.

"I think it's a good idea, but the first time they enforce it they'll find themselves in court," Martin said.

Nyman said he does not believe there will be legal problems because of the Supreme Court's ruling two years ago that said a private organization has the right to determine requirements for members.

Of the 500 to 800 applications received at the Utah National Parks Council since the program began, only one applicant has been declined, Nyman said.

An applicant can appeal to the local and national level if he feels the decision has been unjust, Nyman said.

The annual registration fee for each leader and youth was raised from $7 to $10 to cover the cost, Nyman said.

"If we can save one person a year from abuse, then it's worth the effort and the money," Nyman said.

Adulthood begins at 26, survey says

By JAMES HARRIS

People do not become adults until they reach the age of 26, complete their education and start a family, according a recent opinion survey conducted by the University of Chicago.

Respondents indicated that having a full-time job and becoming financially independent are also requirements for adulthood, reported the university's National Opinion Research Center.

The NORC administered the survey to a representative sample of 1,398 people over the age of 18 and reported a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percent.

Some students and faculty at Brigham Young University disagree with the results of the survey, results that should be representative of most Americans.

"I would agree with some of the criteria but not with others," said Thomas Alexander, a BYU professor who specializes in modern America. "I believe that someone who is grown-up should be self-supporting; the other criteria I would consider optional."

He said demonstrating the ability to make rational decisions and showing the good sense to avoid harming others are indicators of maturity.

BYU student Jonathan Nelson, a senior, majoring in business management, agreed with Alexander's criteria.

"You have to have a job — some kind of way of supporting yourself," Nelson said. "You can't just be a bum and live off of other people's generosity."

> "I am an adult, (but) I think, it is a perspective you have, a mentality, a way of seeing life."
>
> **Misty Proctor**
> BYU student

Not only is the age at which a person reaches adulthood is under debate, some students doubt whether age is a legitimate indicator.

"I don't think age has anything to do with it," said Misty Proctor, 26, a junior, majoring in elementary education. "I am an adult (but) I think it is a perspective you have, a mentality, a way of seeing life."

Proctor said her sister-in-law is an example of someone who is more mature than age would indicate.

"My sister-in law is going on 21," Proctor said. "But when I met her, I would have thought she was one of my peers because she is so mature. She's probably an adult in more ways than I am. She is going on three kids now, and she was married when she was 19."

Part of the reason for the difference in opinions about what makes a person an adult may come from the way society has changed the criteria over the years.

The definition of how children grow up through adulthood has changed significantly in the past couple of centuries.

"In the 19th Century, there were no teenagers; being a teenager is a 20th Century development," said Bill Hartley, an associate professor of the Smith Institute for Latter-Day Saint History. "I went through the 1870 Utah territories statutes, and they showed that there was no threshold age, per se, when a child or youth moved to a new threshold."

Another BYU history professor specializing in popular culture, Frank Fox, said in the past, childhood ended sooner because children took on adult responsibilities at a younger age.

"Back in Puritan America, childhood was compressed into a very few short years," Fox said. "In the twentieth century, all of that changed, mostly on account of the consumer society, and its many pleasures. We have now created yet another ambiguous period, not childhood but not adulthood either."

"There is a whole world out there of kids who do not consider themselves adults, do not live like adults, but who have technically been adults for 12 years," Fox said.

MENTOR

Students volunteer their time at Joaquin Elementary

Continued from Page 1

Tuttle said she helps a little girl with her math homework once a week.

"I tried to teach her math concepts by using visual things," Tuttle said.

Angela Vaughn, 21, a BYU student from Albuquerque, N.M., majoring in biology teaching, said mentoring is the highlight of her week.

Vaughn said she definitely noticed a difference in Jenisha, the girl she mentors, since she started mentoring in the fall.

At first, Jenisha was very quiet and withdrawn, but now she is more outgoing and tries to reach out to other children, Vaughn said.

"I know I'm going to cry at the end of the school year," Vaughn said.

Maria Collazo, mother of Jenisha and her twin sister, said she has noticed her daughters are more ambitious when it comes to studying and reading.

"They've been role models and friends to my daughters," Collazo said.

Heileson holds a meeting for mentors at the beginning of each Fall Semester to explain the organization of the program.

Heileson said she keeps a close watch on the situation between mentors and their students.

"Mentors need to feel like they have a lot of worth," Heileson said. "We invite them to birthday parties, monthly activities or any other special event."

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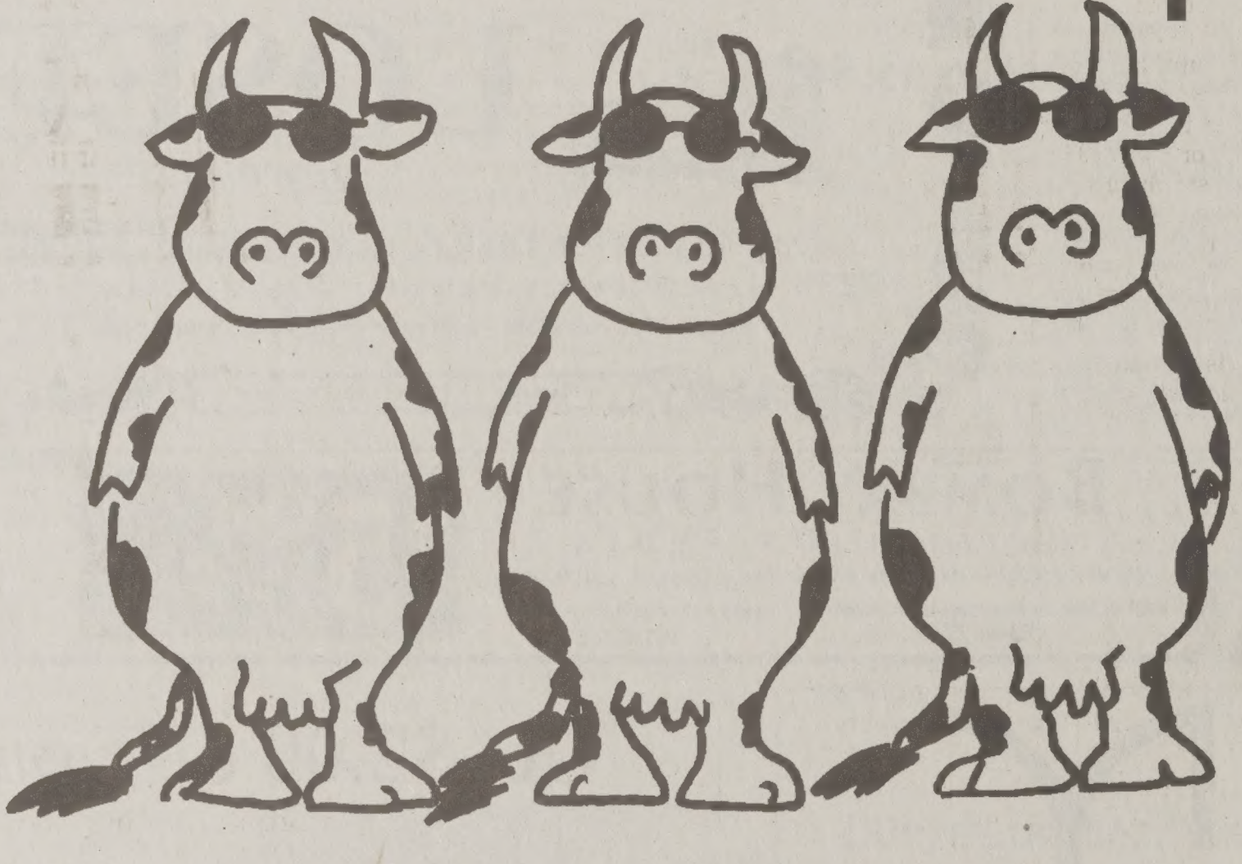

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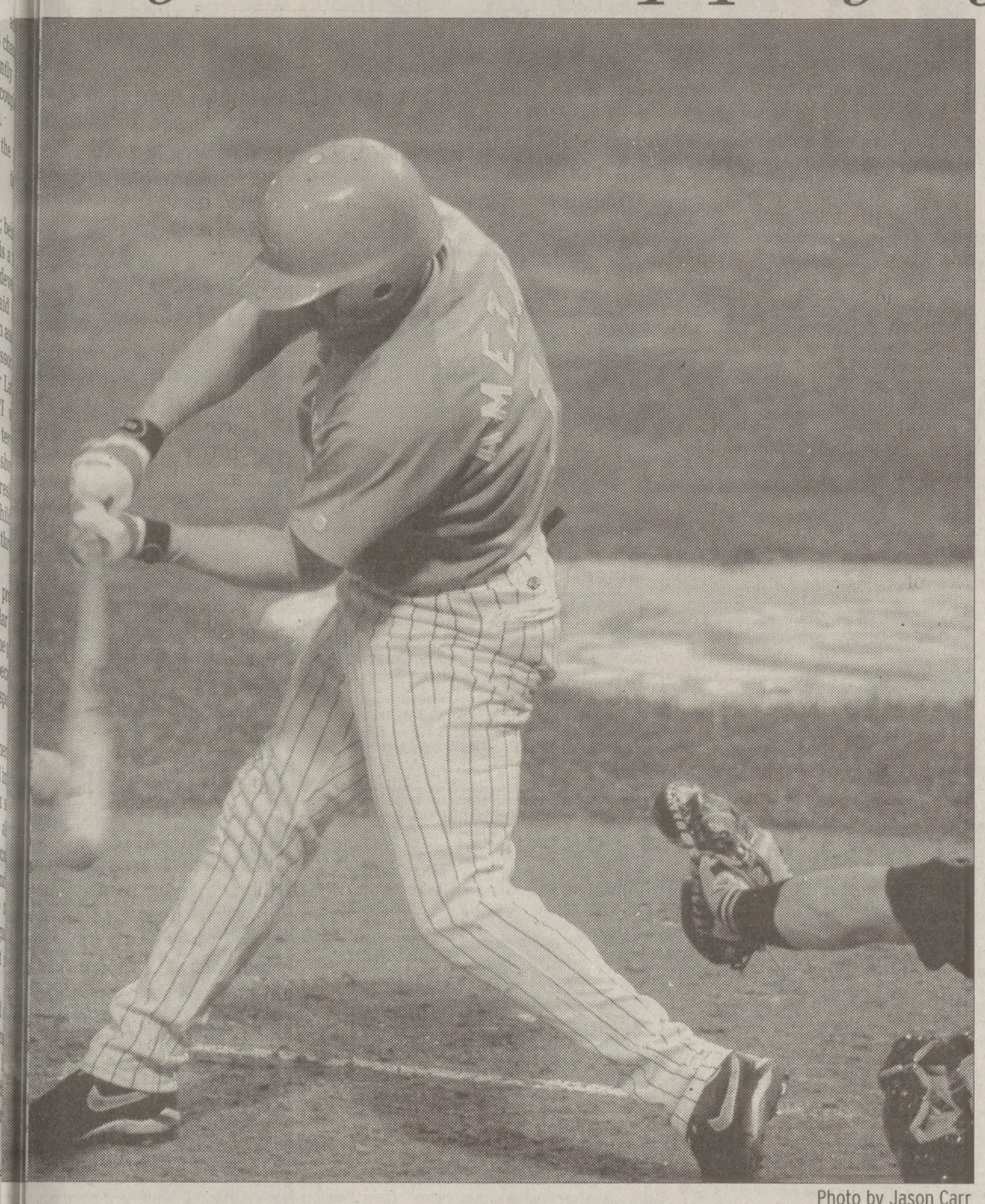
Stingers' shortstop playing with big bat, larger heart



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Amezaga ended a 22-game hit streak on Thursday. He is fifth in batting average in the PCL, hitting .349.

By NEAL LUTZ

SALT LAKE CITY — Most professional athletes take their paychecks and run to the casinos, bars, or sports car dealerships; but Stingers shortstop Alfredo Amezaga takes his to the post office.

"I really like baseball in my heart," Amezaga said. "I'm not doing it because of the money; I'm not doing it because of this. Of course we get paid good, but I got to (support) my family because I'm the only one paying the bills back home in Mexico."

Listed at 5 feet 10 inches, he is the shortest player in the Stingers lineup, yet he is definitely one of the players with the biggest heart.

"I've known him since college, and he's always like that," said Stingers right-handed reliever Greg Jones when asked about Amezaga's humility. "He's always upbeat, and everyone in the club likes him."

He was born in a small town in Sonora, Mexico. He is currently the only member of his family here in Utah, but is happy to be playing the game he cherishes and supporting the family he loves more at the same time.

He started playing baseball as a youngster in Mexico when he was 11. His parents saved up their money and sent him to Miami as a teenager to learn English, but the high Hispanic population there made it difficult. It was there he started to shine as a slugger.

He was drafted in 1997 and 1998 by the Colorado Rockies, but turned down both offers to go to school and finish the task his parents sent him to America for.

In 1999, Amezaga signed with the Anaheim Angels, who drafted him in the 13th round. His first professional year was in 2000. One year later, he was in triple-A ball playing for the Salt Lake Stingers.

The Angels organization recently named him the player of the month for April. In April, Amezaga, who batted .251 for Salt Lake City last year, hit .340 with nine RBIs, five doubles, a homer and seven stolen bases.

"Amezaga is playing great. He's been real consistent from day one," said Salt Lake City manager Mike Brimley. "He's really improved as an offensive player."

In years past, Amezaga was known primarily for his deadly glove. He was named Pacific Coast League defensive player of the year in 2001 and defensive player of the month in August of 2002. This year, he's become a double threat.

A month ago in a game against the Fresno Grizzlies Amezaga was hitless in four at-bats. The following day he went 4-for-5, which marked the beginning of what became an impressive hitting streak.

Amezaga continued to get at least one hit in each of his next 21 games. His streak culminated in Thursday's game against league-leading Las Vegas.

That night he went 3-for-3 and was a home run shy of batting for the cycle. He also wrestled from teammate Robb Quinlan sole possession of second place in the all-time Stingers' franchise hit record.

Amezaga, who didn't even know about his streak until it reached the 20-game mark, said that he was just trying to concentrate and help the team out.

"Two nights ago I found out about the 20 (game) hitting streak," Amezaga said in an interview Thursday. "I'm just trying to make contact and help the team keep winning."

Although he acknowledged that he is proud of what he has accomplished, Amezaga is also quick to give praise elsewhere.

"If God wants, I'll try to be ready every day," Amezaga said when asked how long he could continue his hitting streak. "It takes work, and it takes luck. You got to be lucky to do that."

"I've had him the last three years, and he's developed more every year," Brumley said. "He's been our best, most consistent, hitter this year. All that hard work he's been putting in with the weights is paying off."

Amezaga's recent increase in his hard work ethic is taking him to new heights. He currently leads the Pacific Coast League in hits with 59 and has slowly climbed up the batting leaders to fifth with a .349 average so far this season.

Things are looking bright for the 25-year-old switch-hitter. His English is improving, and so are his baseball skills. But hopefully he'll still be the same humble, energetic, Hispanic fireball that got him where he is today.

Trip to Mexico a success

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By JILL IVIE

...BYU men's soccer team ...ff its inaugural Premier ...ment League season with ...edition and service trip to ...ey, Mexico.

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...kins said the significant ...ement by the team in the ...ny months can be credited ...increased challenge and ...ey play it has faced.

During its stay in Mexico, the team also participated in a single adult fireside, dance and service project to clean a local city park.

The team helped organize the fireside. The area president and six players spoke to the young adults.

The Cougars also spent a few hours picking up trash at a local park in the area.

"It was a really neat experience to be in Mexico where they love soccer," Blake said. "We got to interact with the people and play some great soccer."

A number of missionaries serving in the Monterrey, Mexico area accompanied the interested local crowds showing their support for BYU.

"There was a great turnout," Watkins said. "The area president was very happy."

> "We loved it (the trip to Mexico) because it was a great opportunity to get the BYU name out and to represent the church."
>
> **Brock Blake**
> BYU forward

The time spent in Mexico came less than a week before the season home opener, in which BYU beat the Nevada Wonders, 3-0.

"It was great preparation for us," Blake said. "They are very skilled. It helped us as a team to be traveling and to be playing some good teams."

The excursion concluded the Cougars' third foreign trip in three years.

In 2001, BYU played six games in Spain and Holland, winning four, tying one and losing one, against Vallecas, FC Sittard, Minor Nuth and reserve teams from Rayo Vallecano and FC Barcelona.

The following year the Cougars played four games in Mexico, in Pachuca and Mexico City. BYU faced reserve teams from Pachuca and Cruz Azul, winning two and losing two.

The Cougars are back in action Friday when they travel to Fullerton, Calif., to face the Southern California Seahorses. BYU lost to the Seahorses 3-2 Friday in Provo.

On the season, the Seahorses are 1-1-2. The team is coming off a 2-2 tie against the Utah Blitz on Saturday.

The Seahorses' only loss came in their first game of the year on May 3 against the Southwest Division leading Fresno Fuego. Fresno beat the Seahorses 4-1.

On Saturday, the Cougars will play the Orange County Blue Star in Santa Ana, Calif.

Orange County is second in the Southwest Division with a 2-2 record.

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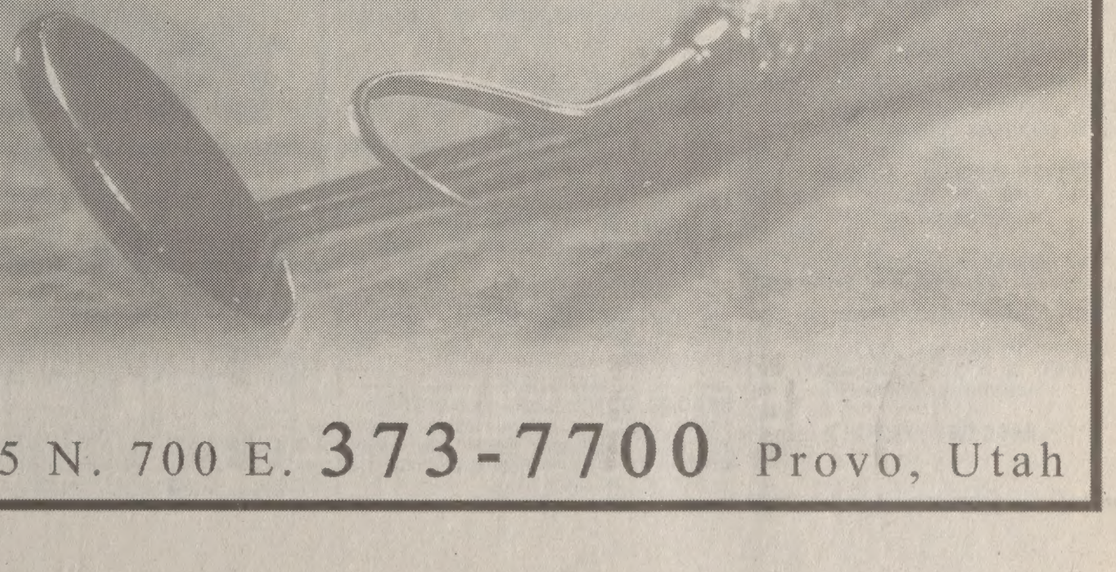

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1 Tbsp reduced-calorie margarine

Instructions
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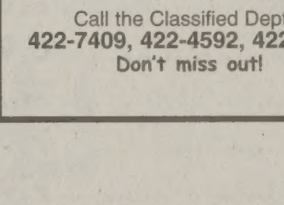

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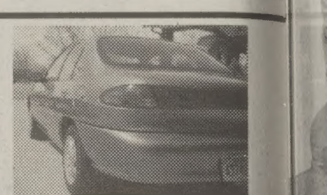

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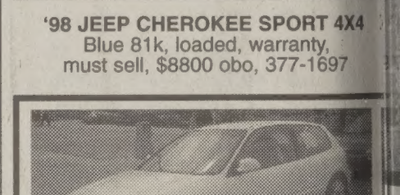

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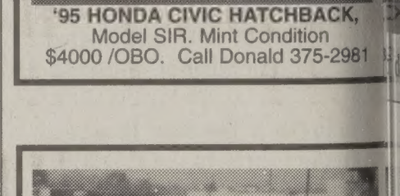

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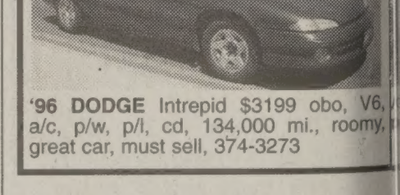

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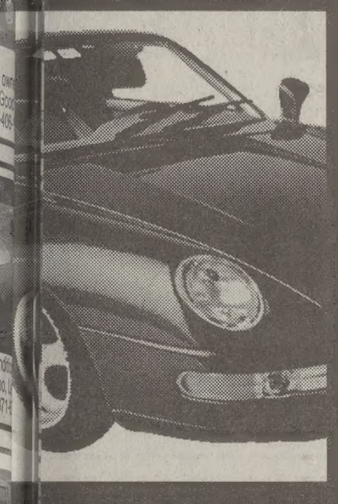

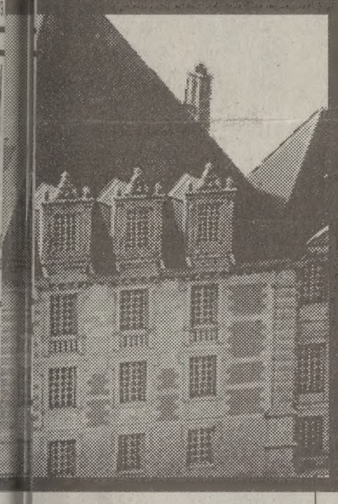

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Elder Sorensen was named a member of the Second Quorum of the Seventy in 1992 and to the First Quorum of the Seventy in April 1995. Previously he has served as Area President of the North America West Area and the Asia North Area with headquarters in Tokyo, Japan. At the time of his call to the Seventy he owned and operated his own business.

Elder Sorensen served in the United States Army and completed a mission for the Church to the eastern United States. He served as president of the Canada Halifax Mission from 1985 to 1988.

Elder Sorensen was born in Aurora, Utah. He is married to Verla Anderson Sorensen, and they have seven children and twenty-eight grandchildren.

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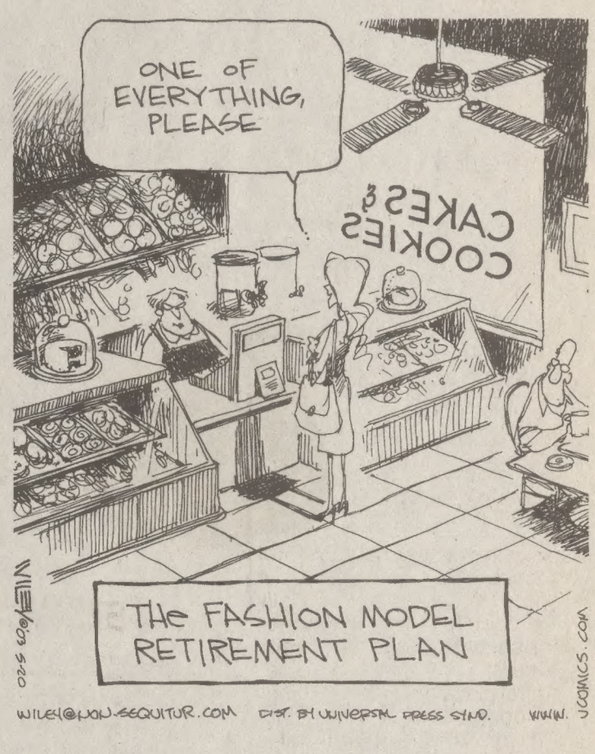
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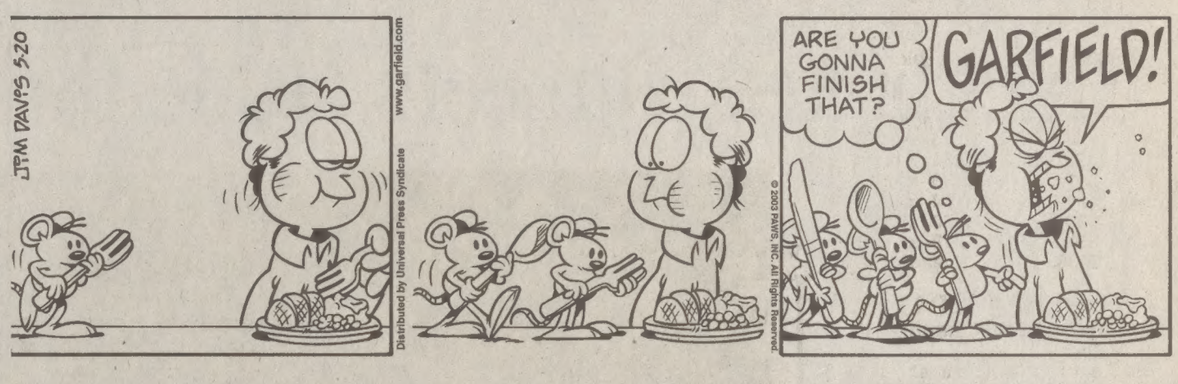

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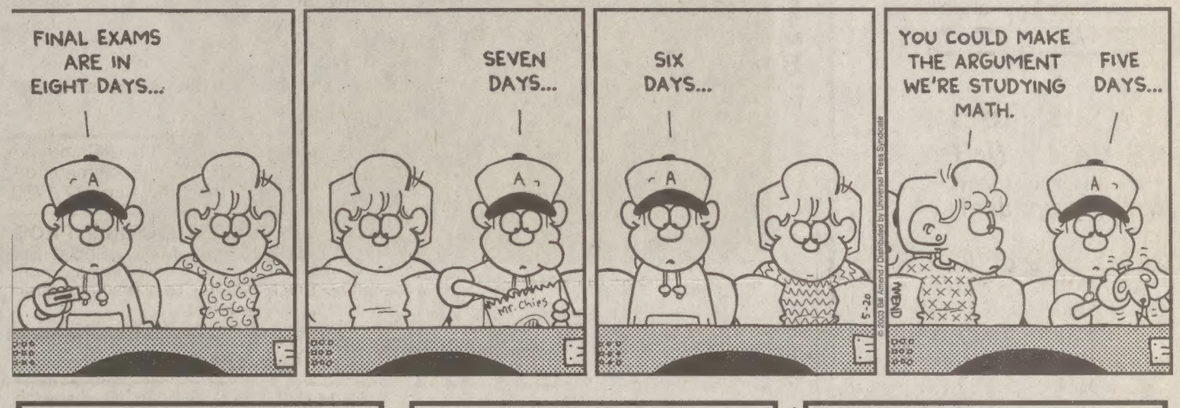

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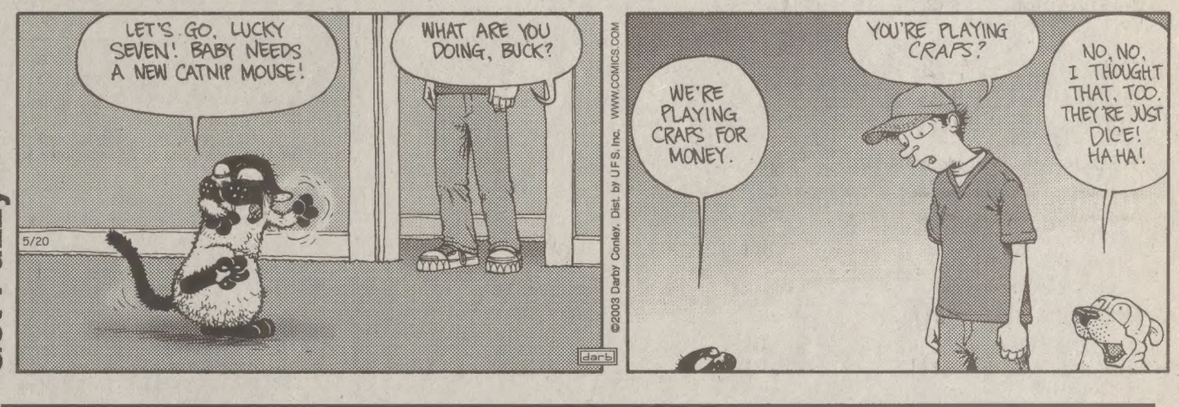
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YOU'RE PLAYING CRAPS?
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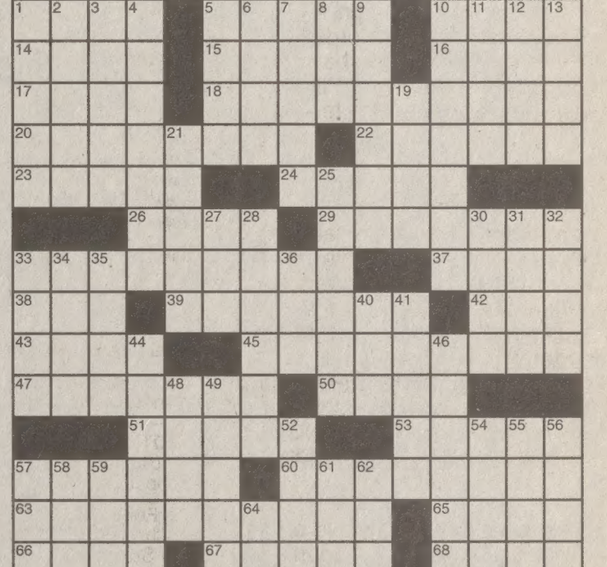

Puzzle by Verna Suit

ACROSS

1 Painter Chagall
5 Suit
10 Home of Iowa State
14 Muffin topper
15 Do penance
16 "I, Claudius" role
17 Virgin Is., e.g.
18 Cheap shot?
20 Overwhelm
22 Block and tackle part
23 Use an épée
24 14 pounds, in Britain
26 Kimono accessories
29 Germ-free
33 Sosa vs. McGwire, e.g.?
37 Evidence of drunkenness
38 Necessities for pregnancies
39 Insulted, lovingly
42 Kay follower
43 Cuzco's country
45 Commotion in the commuters' terminal?
47 Watergate, e.g.
50 Israel's Abba
51 Rent again
53 Puts ice on, maybe
57 "One ___ Jump"
60 "The Natural" game
63 Feature of a girls-only gathering?
65 Scottish hillside
66 Mark time
67 Sri ___
68 The auld sod
69 ___ off (angered)
70 Sling mud at
71 Hard to fathom

DOWN

1 Recurring theme
2 Coeur d'___, Idaho
3 Any "Seinfeld," now
4 Pipe type
5 Ali ___
6 South Dakota, to Pierre
7 Links shouts
8 Bach's Mass ___ Minor
9 Place to put some leaves
10 Fly-casters, e.g.
11 It may be prix fixe
12 Canal of song
13 PlayStation maker
19 Ancient letter
21 Shut out
25 Feared fly
27 Skater Midori
28 Dobbin's home
30 "___ a song go ...?"
31 Put to sleep
32 ___ Stanley Gardner
33 Conks on the head
34 "___ plaisir"
35 Ancient Irish kings' home
36 Baton Rouge sch.
40 Go back
41 Musician Eddy or Allman
44 Got naked
46 Gave the cold shoulder
48 Art ___
49 Ethyl and propyl, for two
52 Steak selection
54 An Osmond
55 Traffic jam noise
56 Sack out
57 News item often written in advance
58 Programmers' writing
59 Singer Lovett
61 One of the Aleutians
62 Magi guide
64 Video maker, for short

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Trails, mountain pines meet red rock cliffs at Bryce Canyo

By MORGAN VAN WAGONER

ROAD TRIP

Two parks for the price of one. Bryce Canyon National Park in Southern Utah offers two unique worlds of outdoor activity.

The historic lodge, found along the rim of the canyon, features a high mountain environment where visitors can walk casually along the edge of the canyon wall, admiring the red, orange and white rock below.

Deep within the canyon, a maze of steep rock walls offers a completely different view of the canyon's water-carved fins, and high-rising spires. Here cacti and lizards dot the landscape. Both aspects of Bryce Canyon are accessible in one trip. Visitors enter the park at an elevation of 8,000 feet, where pine trees and squirrels are the most common sights. The visitor center, lodge and campgrounds are all found near the entrance.

Easy hikes along the rim offer views of the Bryce Canyon Amphitheater. This is the area of the canyon that holds the densest concentration of hoodoos, another name for the thin rock fins and spires carved through years of water and wind erosion.

On the Navajo Loop trail hikers descend 400 feet into the hoodoos, for a brief glimpse of the majesty of the canyon as seen from below.

The hike is 1.3 miles round trip, and perfect for visitors who want to experience a little bit of everything in the park.

The Under-the-Rim-Trail offers a more complete view of the whole canyon, but can only be accessed by backpacking. A $5 permit must be obtained at the visitor center before beginning the hike.

Bryce Canyon Lodge provides room and board for those who prefer a mattress to the ground, but campgrounds in the park are only $12 per night, a price that usually fits a student budget.

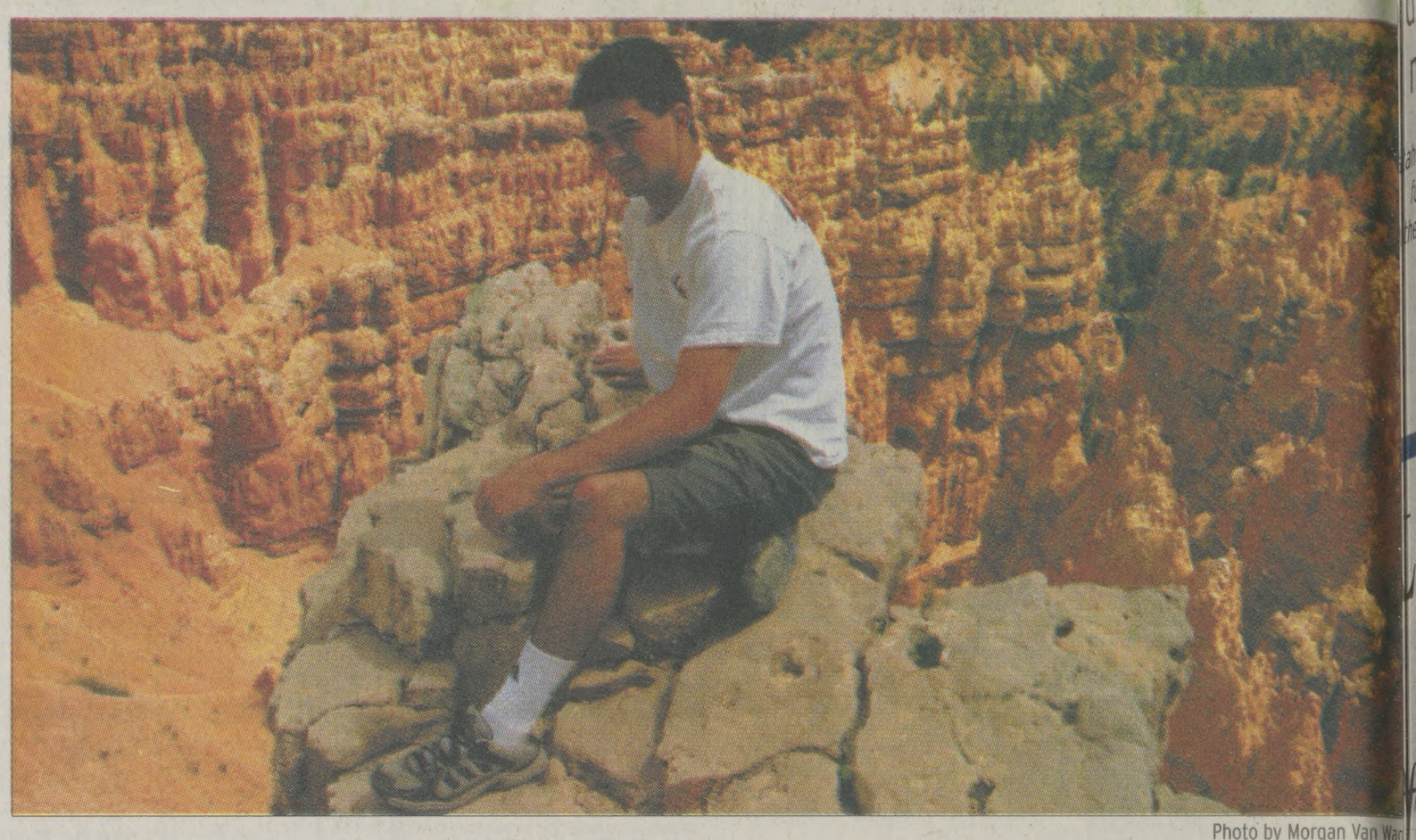

Photo by Morgan Van Wa

Mike Allen, a student from Salt Lake City, sits on a rock cliff that overlooks the Bryce Canyon Amphitheater near Sunset Point. The canyon fins are called hoodoos, and several short hikes offer trips into the canyon and through the hoodoos.

Blackboard connects students, professors

By MARY CROZIER

Photo by Lisa Young

Despite some problems, Blackboard has helped students and faculty streamline the education process.

If students don't check and recheck their class scores online, they may receive a wrong grade. That's what BYU student Tiffany Robins learned one day when she checked her grade on Blackboard.

While taking chemistry a year ago, Robins discovered on Blackboard that she had never received credit for a homework assignment she had completed.

When she told her teacher she had done the assignment but never received credit, the teacher changed Robins' grade.

Jill Goodlife, a senior from Rexburg, Idaho, agreed the grade book on Blackboard is not always accurate.

"I like that it has student and class averages, but it doesn't really tell you your grade because sometimes teachers use bell curves. But that's BYU," Goodlife said. "I think it's good if the teacher uses the grade book, but most of the time teachers don't keep it up to date."

Blackboard is a computerized commercial product located online for teachers to publish and organize materials.

Material for some classes is posted on Blackboard for students to check grades, give or receive e-mails or take quizzes.

Blackboard has other features, including virtual folders where teachers can publish material ahead of time so students can prepare and focus on the lecture instead of on taking copious notes.

Tania Cantrell, a BYU communications professor, uses Blackboard extensively as a teaching method.

"Blackboard is an excellent tool to keep instructors and students connected," Cantrell said. "Professors are able to easily and quickly get any messages out to students through posting announcements on the site as well as sending students registered for the class a group e-mail. I think it's the perfect tool for our deadline-driven society."

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Steven Harper, a BYU religion professor, agreed with Cantrell but said Blackboard has a few restrictions.

"I like Blackboard because it empowers students and teachers," Harper said. "I don't have to spend as much time administering, and students can be less preoccupied with note-taking. It's not magic; it has serious limitations, but I generally like it as a tool."

BYU student Jenae Farley, 20, a junior from Orem, majoring in pre-management, said she likes Blackboard but some teachers fail to update it as class progresses.

"I think it works really well, and it's nice to find out lots of information," Farley said. "A lot of times teachers don't upgrade as often as I'd hope they would, but it depends on the teacher."

Blackboard also serves as a liaison for teachers, teaching assistants and students to communicate using e-mail, discussion boards and chat forums.

Nadine Smith, 18, a sophomore from Kent, Wash., majoring in computer science, regularly received e-mails from a teacher through Blackboard to notify the class of quizzes they needed to take.

Blackboard also serves as an online testing engine. Students take tests and quizzes online, and even receive instant feedback if written that way.

"When my teacher was posting a quiz on Blackboard, he would e-mail us to tell us it was available," Smith said. "There were four or five, and they were all open book and open note."

Smith said she prefers tests and quizzes on Blackboard over handwritten examinations.

"They're easier," Smith said.

Gary Johns, 21, a junior from Blackfoot, Idaho, majoring in mechanical engineering, took several quizzes through Blackboard but some of his peers struggled with technical difficulties.

"We had to read papers that were on Blackboard and take quizzes on them while the papers were open (on the screen) so it was easy," Johns said. "But a lot of people had a lot of frustrations getting into it and not having it work for them. The teacher would have to go back and reset the quiz."

Johns said he prefers the convenience of Blackboard, however.

"Blackboard is definitely better than going to the Testing Center, but sometimes I think they give quizzes because it's easy," Johns said.

When teachers need help with Blackboard, they can call the Center for Instructional Design for help to better understand Blackboard through workshops and consultations.

Students can also receive help from the Office of Information Technology if they encounter a technical difficulty.

Justin Johansen, product manager for the Office of Information Technology, said even though Blackboard currently serves as a community of teaching and learning for instructors and students, the Office of Information Technology is working to improve its functionality and reliability.

"It's growing quickly and because of new changes, I can see it becoming a ubiquitous tool for students and teachers," said Johansen. "People should expect a lot of changes by fall."

Among increased reliability and functionality, information technology employees are upgrading Blackboard by implementing new software.

"We're aggressively trying to expand the functionality of Blackboard," said Johansen. "You need to be able to count on it being there."

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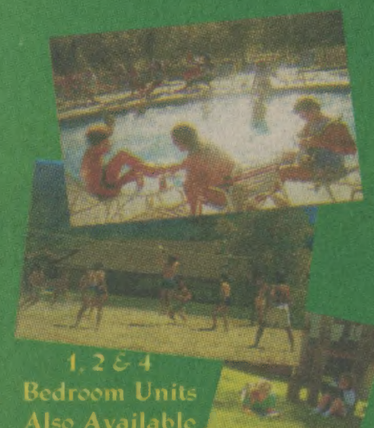
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